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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: HILEX 8

REF: 76 USNATO 7065 (DTG 301630Z DEC 76)

THERE FOLLOWS BELOW REMAINDER OF DRAFT OUTLINE SCENARIO FOR  
EXERCISE HILEX 8. THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE ADDED TO REFTEL.  
ACTION REQUESTED. AS STATED IN REFTEL.

BEGIN TEXT:

DRAFT OUTLINE SCENARIO FOR EXERCISE HILEX-8

REFERENCE: MSS/76/51(REVISED)

MEMBERS OF THE OPEN-ENDED SUB-GROUP WILL HAVE SEEN THAT THE  
DRAFT SCENARIO FOR EXERCISE HILEX-8 AT REFERENCE ENDS WITH  
AN INCIDENT ON E-8.

2. I ATTACHE HERewith THE REMAINING PART OF THE SCENARIO  
DRAFTED ON THE BASIS OF INCIDENTS SUGGESTED BY MILITARY EXPERTS.

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IT CONTAINS DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE WEEK PRECEDING THE START OF  
THE EXERCISE AS WELL AS THE SUGGESTED INPUTS FOR THE ACTIVE  
PHASE.

3. THIS PART OF THE DRAFT SCENARIO IS BEING DISTRIBUTED  
ON A LIMITED AND INFORMAL BASIS AND WILL BE DISCUSSED, TOGETHER  
WITH THE TEXT AT REFERENCE, AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY, 1977 AT 2.30 P.M. IN  
THE CONSULTATION ROOM.

(SIGNED) S. SUNGURTEKIN

35. ON E-6, A SOVIET NAVAL EXERCISE, WHICH STARTED FOUR DAYS EARLIER; TERMINATES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. SOME OF THE PARTICIPATING UNITS PROCEED WESTWARDS WHILE OTHERS REMAIN IN THE AREA. ON THE SAME DAY, AN ASW EXERCISE (BETWEEN 17 DEGREES -19 DEGREES E AND 33 DEGREES - 35 DEGREES N) IS ANNOUNCED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

36. ON E-5, AN INCREASE OF 50 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF SUBMARINES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IS NOTED. ALSO ON THE SAME DAY, INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY IS REPORTED IN THE LENINGRAD MILITARY DISTRICT. THIS IS INTERPRETED AS INDICATING THE START OF MILITARY EXERCISES IN THE AREA.

37. ON THE SAME DAY, SOVIET TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO BE TRANSITING RUMANIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXERCISE IN BULGARIA WHERE THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE ONGOING EXERCISE IS EXPANDING TO THE AREA OF SLIVEN-YAMBOL.

38. ON E-4, A SHARP INCREASE HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN THE NUMBER OF TROOP ROTATION FLIGHTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION. THE MILITARY EXERCISE TERMINATES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BUT PARTICIPATING TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE REMAINED IN THE AREA.

39. ON THE SAME DAY, AN INCREASE IN AIR RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITIES IS REPORTED IN ALL REGIONS FACING ACE. SOVIET AIRCRAFT ARE TAKING PART IN THE EXERCISE TAKING PLACE IN BULGARIA.

40. ALSO ON E-4, SACEUR DECLARES THE STATE OF MILITARY VIGILANCE IN ALL REGIONS OF ACE. SOME MEMBER NATIONS DECLARE CERTAIN SIMPLE ALERT MEASURES INATIONALLY.

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41. ON E-3, THE SOVIETS START A NAVAL EXERCISE IN THE BLACK SEA (28 DEGREES - 31 DEGREES E AND 42 DEGREES - 43 45 DEGREES N ) AND IN THE BALTIC WITH INFANTRY AND AMPHIBIOUS UNITS TAKING PART.

42. ALSO ON THE SAME DAY, THE SOVIET NAVY IS ENGAGED IN INCREASED NAVAL SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY IN ALL REGIONS. PARALLEL INTENSE AIR ACTIVITY WITH FLIGHT INCURSIONS IS CONTINUING IN THE CENTRAL REGION. THE NUMBER OF SOVIET SUBMARINES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DOUBLED.

43. ON E-2, SOME SOVIET UNITS TAKING PART IN THE NAVAL EXERCISE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN LEAVE THE EXERCISE AND START SAILING EASTWARDS. THE SOVIET NAVAL UNITS UNDERGOING REPAIRS IN YUGOSLAV PORTS ARE REPORTED READY FOR SAILING. IN THE CENTRAL REGION, IN ADDITION TO THOSE TAKING PART IN THE MILITARY EXERCISES UNDERWAY, OTHER TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE MOVED OUT OF THEIR GARRISONS.

44. ON E-1, TROOP ROTATION FLIGHTS ARE REPORTED TO NEAR COMPLETION. IN THE CENTRAL REGION BORDER GUARDS ARE REINFORCED WITH REGULAR ARMY TROOPS. TROOPS IN THE PREVIOUSLY DECLARED TRAS IN EAST GERMANY ARE CARRYING OUT DAY AND NIGHT TRAINING WITH NIGHT FIRINGS.

45. ALSO ON THE SAME DAY, THERE ARE RUMOURS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE PUTTING PRESSURE ON BUCHAREST FOR HAVING THE

RUMANIAN TROOPS TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISE IN BULTARIA. A  
SOVIET NAVAL GESSEL IS REPORTED TO HAVE VIOLATED THE TURKISH  
TERRITORIAL WATERS 40 MILES EAST OF BOSPHORUS IN THE BKACK SEA.

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IV. SUGGESTED INPUTS  
(THE INCIDENTS BELOW, FOR THE ACTIVE PHASE OF THE EXERCISE,  
ARE GIVEN AS EXAMPLES AND REQUIRE DEVELOPMENT.)

E-DAY (MONDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1978) ALLIANCE REACTION

(A) SOVIET GROUP ROTATION FLIGHTS (I) POLITICO-MILITARY  
TERMINATE. THE INCRESE IN THE ASSESSMENT(S).  
NUMBER OF SOVIET TROOPS IN EAST  
GERMANY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND (WW) PLAY OF C-M(72)3.  
AND HUNGARY IS ESTAMATED TO BE  
40.000. (III) TURKISH REQUEST

FOR DEPLOYMENT  
OF AMF.

(B) TROOP MOVEMENTS ARE REPORTED  
TOWARDS THE TRAS AND THE BORDER  
AREAS IN EAST GERMANY, CZECHO- (IV) CONSIDERATION OF  
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SLOVALIA AND HUNGARY. THE ACTIVATION OF  
QUICK REACTION FORCES.  
(C) TROOP MOVEMENTS TO THE WEST FROM  
WESTERN MDS CINTINUE.

(D) A CONVOY CONSISTING OF ESCORT VESSELS AND 10-12 AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS MOVES OUT OF THE "DANGER" AREA IN THE BALTIC WESTBOUND AT A HIGH SPEED DUE TO POOR VISIBILITY. MILITARY VEHICLES ARE ONLY OBSERVED ON THE DECKS OF SOME LANDING SHIPS. (V) REQUESTS FOR DECLARATION OF SIMPLE ALERT MEASURES (VI) PLAY OF RESOURCES PROBLEMS.

(E) THE DEPLOYMENT OF SOVMEDRON SEEMS TO CONTROL THE ENTRANCES OF GIBRALTAR AND THE SUEZ CANAL, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNICATIONS LINES WITHIN THE MEDITERRANEAN BETWEEN ITALY AND LIBYA.

(F) SOVIET FISHING VESSELS IN THE CHANNEL AND NORTH OF ENGLAND, ACCOMPANIED BY ARMED ESCORTS, START A SYSTEMATIC INTERFERENCE WITH ALLIED MERCHANT SHIPPING.

(G) ADDITIONAL AIR SPACE VIOLATIONS OCCUR IN THE VENTRAL REGION.

(H) TWO BORDER INCIDENTS OF HOSTILE NATURE TAKE PLACE ALONG THE EAST-WEST GERMAN DEMARCATION LINE.

E PLUS 1 (TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1978)  
ALLIANCE REACTION  
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(A) RESERVISTS ARRIVING WITH ROTATION FLIGHTS ARE EMPLOYED IN TAKING TANKS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT OUT OF STORAGE AREAS. (I) POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENT(S). (II) PLAY OF C-M(72)3.

(B) AIR DEFENCE EXERCISES START IN SOVIET WESTERN MDS. (III) CONSIDERATION OF THE DEPLOYMENT OF QUICK REACTION FORCES.

(C) EXERCISING NAVAL UNITS IN THE BLACK SEA START CONDUCTING AN AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE ON THE BULGARIAN COAST NORTH OF BURGAS. THIS IS PROBABLY CONNECTED WITH THE LAND EXERCISE TAKING PLACE IN SLIVEN-YAMBOL AREA. (IV) MNCS REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF SIMPLE ALERT STAGE. (V) PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST ARRIVALS OF EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENTS.

(D) AIR SPACE VIOLATIONS ARE REPORTED  
ACE-WIDE. (VI) PLAY OF RESOURCES  
PROBLEM.

(E) INTERFERENCE WITH ALLIED  
MERCHAND SHIPPING AND  
FISHING VESSELS IS REPORTED  
ACE-WIDE.

(F) UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATE  
ACTIVATION OF PREVIOUSLY NON-  
ACTIVE AIRFIELDS IN EAST GERMANY.

(G) THE EXERCISE AREAS NEAR PECHENGA  
IN THE LENINGRAD MD SEEM TO EXPAND  
TOWARDS THE NORWEGIAN BORDER.  
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TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT AND AIRBORNE  
TROOPS FROM PSKOV (NE 81) ALSO  
PARTICIPATE IN THIS EXERCISE.

(H) THE 31 (BAMD) AND THE 103 (BEMD)  
AIRBORNE DIVISIONS ARE REPORTED  
AT A (HIGH) STATE OF READINESS.

(I) ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE ALONG THE  
DEMARCATON LINE, FROM VARIOUS  
SOURCES, IS REPORTED.

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E PLUS 2 (WEDNESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1978)

ALLIANCE REACTION

(A) AIR DEFENCE EXERCISES START IN (I) POLITICO-MILITARY  
EAST GERMANY AND POLAND. CIVIL ASSESSMENT(S).  
DEFENCE PREPAREDNESS IS BEING  
CONDUCTED IN SOVIET CAPITAL KII) PLAY OF C-M(72)3.  
CITIES.

(III) SACEUR REQUESTS

(B) THERE ARE REPORTS THAT TWO FIRST RA  
MRDS ARE ACTIVATED IN EAST MEASURES IN THE  
GERMANY WITH THE EXTRA TROOPS CENTRAL REGION.  
ROTATED.

(IV) PLAY OF ARRIVALS

(C) THE CONVOY IN THE BALTIC SEA OF EXTERNAL  
STARTS AN AMPHISIOUS EXERCISE REINFORCEMENTS.  
IN STRALSUND AREA.

(D) EXERCISE ACTIVITIES DECREASE (V) PLAY OF OTHER  
IN BULGARIA AND THE BLACK SEA. RESOURCES

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PARTICIPATING UNITS REMAIN PROBLEMS.  
IN THEIR AREAS.

(E) HEADQUARTERS OF THE 2ND AND 3RD  
ARMIES ARE OPERATING FROM  
TRAS 3/78, 4/78 RESPECTIVELY.  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE 8TH  
ARMY IS OPERATING FROM AN AREA  
WEST OF ERFURT.

(F) TROOP MOVEMENTS IN EAST GERMANY,  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND AND  
HUNGARY CONTINUE TO A WESTERLY  
DIRECTION.

(G) INTERFERENCE WITH ALLIED  
MERCHANT AND FISHING VESSELS  
CONTINUE UNABATED.

(H) TWO AIR AND ONE SURFACE  
PENETRATIONS OCCUR ALONG  
THE DL.

E PLUS 3 (THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1978) ALLIANCE REACTION

(A) TROOP MOVEMENTS CONTINUE IN EAST (I) POLITICO-MILITARY  
GERMANY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ASSESSMENT(S).  
HUNGARY. MASSING OF TROOPS  
NEAR THE BORDER AREAS IN EAST (II) PLAY OF C-M(72)3.  
GERMANY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS  
REPORTED. (III) SECEUR REQUESTS

MORE RA MEASURES

(B) TWO ADDITIONAL BORDER VIOLATIONS, IN THE CENTRAL REGIONS.  
ONE FROM EAST GERMANY AND ONE  
FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HAVE (IV) PLAY OF RESOURCES  
OCCURRED. PROBLEMS.  
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(C) AIR SPACE VIOLATIONS ALONG THE DL  
AND THE GERMAN-CZECH BORDER HAVE  
BEEN REPORTED.

(D) HQS AND TROOPS OF ARMIES FROM  
BAMD AND BEMD HAVE MOVED INTO  
POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
RESPECTIVELY.

(E) RECENTLY ACTIVATED AIRFIELDS  
IN EAST GERMANY ARE REPORTED TO  
BE OPERATIONAL.

E PLUS 4 (FRIDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1978) ALLIANCE REACTION  
(A) EXERCISES IN THE LE MD SEEM TO (I) POLITICO-MILITARY  
TERMINATE. TROOPS REMAIN IN ASSESSMENT(S).  
THEIR AREAS. REGULAR ARMY  
TROOPS ARE OBSERVED ALONG THE (II) PLAY OF C-M(72)3.  
NORWEGIAN BORDER NEAR ELVENES.

(III) REQUESTS FOR  
(B) THE CONVOY IN THE BALTIC DECLARATION OF  
LEAVES STRALSUND WESTBOUND. FURTHER RA  
MEASURES.

(C) TRAINING IN TRAS AND OTHER  
EXERCISE AREAS INDICATE (IV) PLAY OF  
PRIORITY PRACTICE FOR RESOURCES  
CHEMICAL WARFARE. PROBLEMS.

(D) SAM UNITS AND AIR DEFENCE  
FIGHTERS ARE REPORTED IN  
ALERT POSTURE IN EAST GERMANY,  
POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.  
END TEXT. STRAUZS-HUPE

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